(c) whether Central Government accept the necessity of upgrading the coastal highways of Gujarat since it is a border State from the Defence point of view; and

(d) if so, the time-frame which is considered appropriate for the upgradation to the National Highway status?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (d) The declaration of any road as National Highway depends not only on the consideration that it runs along the coast but on several other considerations including traffic needs, inter-se priority on all India basis and availability of resources. A length of approximately 1034 kilometer running along the coast line in Gujarat has already been converted into National highways. This includes 350 kilometer declared as National Highways in February 2004. At present, emphasis is being given for development of roads already declared as National Highways instead of declaring more roads as National Highways.

National Highway through Tamil Nadu

2008. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the National Highways run through the State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) the amount allocated for their development and maintenance during the last two years and for 2005-06;

(c) whether there is any proposal to declare any roads of the State as National Highways; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD-TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) An aggregate length of 4183 km of National Highways runs through the State of Tamil Nadu. Details are annexed as Statement (See below).

(b) Out of the total length of 4183 km, development and maintenance of 1630 km is with the Naitonal Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and development and maintenance of the balance length is with the Highways Department of the Government of Tamil Nadu.

The amount allocated by the Ministry for development and maintenance of National Highways stretches with the Highways Department, Tamil Nadu is given as under:

Year	Amount allocated (Rs. in crores)
2003-04	130.40
2004-05	121.98
2005-06	148.83

NHAI does not allocate funds state-wise for development and maintenance of National Highways entrusted to them. The expenditure incurred by NHAI on National Highways in Tamil Nadu during the last two years and for the year 2005-06 is given as under:

Year	Expenditure (Rs. in crores)
2003-04	549.62
2004-05	779.92
2005-06 (upto July 2005)	120.37

(c) and (d) At present, emphasis is being given by the Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways for development of roads already declared as National Highways instead of declaring more roads as National Highways. The State Government has been informed accordingly.

Statement

Deteils of the National Highways run through the State of Tamil Nadu

SI. No.	NH No.	Description	Length (in Km.)
1	2	3	4
1.	4	Chennai-TN/AP Border.	123
2.	5	Chennai-TN/AP Border	45
3.	7	TN/KNT-Borderto Kanyakumari	627
4.	7A	Palayamkottai-Tuticorin Road	51
5.	45	Chennai-Dindigul Road	387
6.	45A	Villupuram-Pondicherry Road (Pondicherry-Karaikal-Nagapattinam	147

1	2	3	4
7.	45B	Trichy-Tuticorin	257
8.	45C	Thanjavur-Ulunderpet	159
9.	45Extn.	Dindugal-Thenni	73
10.	46	Krishnagiri-Ranipet Road	132
11.	47	Salem-Cochin Road Kerala Border-Kanyakumari	224
12.	47B	Nagercoil-Kavalkineru Madurai-	
13.	49	Dhanushkodi Road (Madurai-TN/Kerala border)	45 290
14.	66	Pondy-Krishnagiri Road	234
15.	67	Nagapattinam-Coimbatore	357
16.	67Extn	Coimbatore-TN/KNT Border	148
17.	68	Ulundurpet-Salem Road	134
18.	205	Renigunta-Thirutani-Chennai road	82
19.	207	Hosur-Malur Road	20
20.	208	Tenkasi-Rajapalayam-Srivilliputhur-Thirumangalam road	125
21.	209	Dindigul-TN/KNT border	286
22.	210	Trichy-Ramanathapuram	160
23.	219	Krishnagiri-TN/AP border	22
24.	220	Dindigul-TN/Kerala border	55
		Total	4183

Upgradation of roads in Karnataka

2009. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has requested the Central Government to upgrade certain State Highways into National Highways